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**QUICK MOBILIZING  
OF GUARD LAUDED  
AT CAMP SIMMS****Oehmann Says Checkup of  
Force Could Have Been  
Done in Three Days.****PHYSICAL REGULATIONS  
PROVED BY INSPECTION****Only Four of 475 Enlisted Men  
Have Impediment—These  
Can Be Corrected.**

By ROBERT A. ERWIN.

"Physically fit and ready for any duty" was the pronouncement of Col. John W. Oehmann and other officers of the 121st Engineers of the District National Guard as the regiment progressed rapidly today toward completion of its test mobilization at Camp Simms in Anacostia.

"Out of 475 enlisted men only four had any impediment to which there might be objection in case of actual mobilization," Col. Oehmann said, "and these impediments might be overcome with treatment. This indicates the thoroughness with which the National Guard physical regulations have been carried out."

The two-week training schedule for the engineers calls for additional physical examinations and property counts for the remaining units today and tomorrow, but Col. Oehmann declared "we could have completed this mobilization within three days, if we are doing today is no different. It is all in the method and in the efficiency now practiced."

**Property Count Continued.**

The Sunday mobilization program included continuation of the count of military and personnel property and physical examination of Companies A and B in the morning and regimental officers in the afternoon.

A staff of reserve medical officers from Pennsylvania, dispatched here by 29th Division headquarters at Baltimore, conducted the examinations, completing a physical check-up of an enlisted man every two minutes during the Sunday morning examination period.

Capt. Edward H. Walter, C. E., Regular Army instructor assigned to the engineers, said the medical side of the mobilization had "progressed very smoothly and according to schedule. We are pleased with the condition of the men. They are of a very high type. Complete reports are being compiled for each man, and these will become a part of the records of the War Department."

**Better Mobilization Methods.**

Engineers officers agreed generally that present mobilization methods are "100 per cent improved over the methods of 10 years ago." Troops were inducted into the national service years ago with the same lack of preparedness as in the supply department. Yesterday, Col. Oehmann and Capt. Walter agreed, the modern methods of efficiency were tried and proved satisfactory.

Officers also went through the Camp Simms Medical Clinic yesterday and were questioned as to the financial and employment status of their dependents in case they were called to war. This, also, will be included in the War Department records.

The physical tests included eye, ear, nose and throat; heart and lungs; height, weight and chest measurements; general surgical conditions; teeth, blood pressure, feet and other physical features, followed by a fingerprinting conducted by the medical detachment. The property check yesterday revealed only a few minor losses of individual rather than National Guard property on the part of the enlisted men.

**Church Services Held.**

Members of the Roman Catholic Church attended mass at Camp Simms at 7 a. m. yesterday, while Protestant troops went to services at 8 p. m. conducted by the new chaplain, Capt. Simpson B. Daubert, D. D., pastor of the United Brethren Church at North Capitol and R streets N. W.

Medical officers proceeded this morning with examination of the enlisted men of Companies C and D, followed by the men of the Headquarters and Service Company and the band section this afternoon. Tomorrow, Companies E and F will be examined, after which the entire Engineer Regiment will prepare for departure Wednesday morning for Camp Albert C. Ritchie, Md., where 10 days will be spent in field maneuvers and military training.

The 121st Engineers' Band, under Warrant Officer Meyer N. Goldman, played for a band concert at Camp Simms at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The camp was thrown open to visitors by 4 p. m. this evening, visitors will not be admitted until 6 o'clock, Col. Oehmann said.

**Residents Study  
Milk Business  
For Greenbelt**

Co-operative minded Greenbelt residents are considering going into the milk business.

Coincident with announcement of advances in prices by several dairies serving the community, it was revealed that establishment of a co-operative milk distributing agency for the Government's low-cost housing unit is being considered by a subcommittee of the Greenbelt Co-operative Organizing Committee.

Under the proposal milk would be bought and sold at the prevailing Prince Georges County price, but customers would receive "patronage dividends" at the end of each fiscal year, according to Mrs. Dorothy W. Rider, committee member.

**Octogenarian Invents Time-Saving Devices for Amusement Only**

FREDERICK T. IDDIGS, 80, right, and his younger brother, Richard P. 73, indicate the intake of the power supply of their back-saving water lifter. Water from this hand-made dam is piped 100 yards to the spring, where it operates the water wheel shown in the next picture.



Fred Iddings beside the water wheel, which pumps the spring water to their kitchen, a lift of more than 100 feet. A single light bulb, operated by a switch in the kitchen, is enough to keep water from freezing in winter.



Another of Fred Iddings' gadgets, a wind indicator operated by a shaft running up to the weather vane on the roof. It enables him to know which way the wind is blowing, but when he does he can find out without going outside.

**Selling Col. McCoy's Holdings  
Just Day's Work to Auctioneer**

All that goes to make up a Wild West show—except Indians, cowboys and other mortal elements—went on the auction block today at the Baltimore & Ohio freight depot, Florida avenue and Eckington place N. E.

The entire inanimate holdings of the Col. Tim McCoy Real Wild West Show was put up for the highest bidder—the final aftermath of the financial disaster that overtook the circus here a few months ago.

Offered for sale was everything from a Pullman car to a 10-gallon hat, from side show wagons to the resplendent uniforms of Bengal Lancers.

When the auctioneer is through—and indications were it would take him several days to dispose of the vast and diversified miscellany—all that's mobile and tangible of the circus will be scattered from here to there.

**All in a Day's Work.**

It was just a day's work to the auctioneer, Robert A. Weschler, albeit a tough one. He stood on fat cars and pointed out the virtues of gaudy wagons that once housed circus impediments.

"Now here," he remarked, "is a tank wagon. Holds 1,560 gallons. What am I offered? Five hundred dollars? Come on, boys, get on the water wagon!"

The wagon was knocked down for \$550.

There was a whole string of these wagons, atop fat cars, and they fetched from \$500 to \$600 each.

Most of them were bought by Frank Fellows of the Springfield (Mo.) Wagon & Trailer Co. Mr. Fellows, an old showman, sells equipment of all sorts to circuses and carnivals.

He was high with a bid of \$27,000 for one lot of 40 wagons and he was successful bidder on a great deal more equipment.

**Flat Cars Are Sold.**

H. L. McCormick, Washington attorney, was high bidder for 12 flat cars.

**WOMAN WINS FIGHT FOR CITIZENSHIP**

**Court of Appeals Holds Miss Elg Is American, Ending Long Controversy.**

The United States Court of Appeals ruled today that Miss Marie Elizabeth Elg, who was born in New York City, but whom the Bureau of Immigration is insisting is a Swedish subject, is a citizen of the United States.

The ruling climaxed Miss Elg's four-year fight to stay in the United States. She was notified in April, 1934, that she was an alien illegally in this country and was threatened with deportation. She lives in Mount Kisco, N. Y.

Miss Elg's father, who was naturalized in New York in 1906, returned to Sweden in 1922 and not only has remained there ever since, but has indicated his willingness to give up his naturalization certificate.

Her troubles began in 1934 when she sought a passport for a visit to her family in Sweden. Investigation by consular officers led to their decision that she was here illegally.

**1 DIES, 2 HURT IN CRASH**

SALISBURY, Md., Aug. 1 (P).—One man was fatally injured and two others received minor injuries when a car was involved in a crash on U. S. route 13 a mile south of here, clipped off a telephone pole and smashed itself against a tree.

Franklin Maddox, Glen Burnie, died in Peninsula General Hospital. James C. W. Tawes, Jr., and L. Franklin Dennis, both of Crisfield, received bruises and lacerations.

**'Batter Up' to Be Shown.**

The moving picture, "Batter Up," will be shown free to the public at Fort Bunker Hill Park Amphitheater at 8 o'clock tonight, the office of National Capital Parks announced today.

**CORRIGAN FETE LISTED NEXT WEEK**

**Irish and D. C. Government Will Greet Flyer Here Next Monday.**

First the Irish and then the District government will welcome Douglas Corrigan, the flyer for whom West is East, to Washington a week from today.

If all goes as planned, the most recent trans-Atlantic aviator will land at Washington Airport at 10 a. m. August 8. He will be greeted, fêted and congratulated far into the night.

Committees from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, the Knights of Columbus and the Pioneer Airmen and Early Birds of America will be at the port.

The first order of business is to escort Mr. Corrigan to Mount Vernon and then back up the Mount Vernon Boulevard to the Memorial Bridge.

**Committee to Meet Him.**

At the Washington side of the bridge he will be met by the committee appointed by Commissioner Melvin C. Hazen—Maj. Ernest W. Brown, superintendent of Metropolitan Police; Commissioner Dan I. Sultan, W. T. Meredith, secretary of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; Maj. J. R. Lusby, District disbursing officer, and Charles I. Schrom, fire chief.

Corrigan will be the guest of honor at a luncheon at the Willard Hotel at 1 p. m. He will visit the State and Commerce Departments and the Smithsonian Institution, where he will inspect the historic flying ships on display.

**Twenty Corrigan to Share Glory.**

The Corrigan of Washington, 20 at the least, will be co-honor guests with their famous cousin at a reception at the Willard at 5:30 p. m.

Robert Dranner, Corrigan Elmer minister, will be the guest of honor at a supper dance at the Mayflower Hotel. In between he will see news pictures of his flight at a theater.

Dignity is to be the keynote of the reception. Fairfax Nauly, chairman of the Non-Official Reception Committee, has announced. He has banned paper throwing.

Mr. Nauly represents the Pioneer Airmen and the Early Birds of America. In the front reception line at the airport with him are to be: James Conlon, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Andrew I. Hickey and Michael Casey, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic; and Thomas F. Carlin, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

**CITY NEWS IN BRIEF**

**TODAY.**

Meeting, Virginia Democratic Club of Washington, 1015 L street N. W., 8 p. m.

**TOMORROW.**

Luncheon, Columbia Heights Business Men's Association, Sholl's Cafe, 3027 Fourteenth street N. W., 12:15 p. m.

Luncheon, Civitan Club, Mayflower Hotel, 12:30 p. m.

Meeting, Costello Post, American Legion, Carlton Hotel, 8 p. m.

Meeting, District Horological Association, Willard Hotel, 8 p. m.

Meeting, District Funeral Directors, Willard Hotel, 8 p. m.

Meeting, Electrical Contractors' Association, Potomac Electric Power Co. Building, Tenth and E streets N. W., 8 p. m.

**Examinations Begin at Camp**

A back rub is the lot of Charles Armstrong in the medical examination of the members of the 121st Engineers, District National Guard, now staging a test mobilization at Camp Simms.

**F. T. Iddings, 80, Who Knows, Holds Inventing Poor Vocation**

By a Staff Correspondent of The Star.

BRINKLOW, Md., Aug. 1.—After fourscore years, many of them spent in pioneer electrical work in this immediate vicinity, Frederick T. Iddings has decided that invention should be a pleasure rather than a business.

Mr. Iddings is a retired employee of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. and has several inventions and discoveries to his credit. But the business of invention, he has decided, is a precarious one and should never be permitted to interfere with the more serious problem of making a living.

With his brother, Richard P. Iddings, 73, he has given up thoughts entertained in his youth of getting rich by inventive talents, and takes most pleasure in the things he has designed to save energy and make life in the country more pleasant.

One of these gadgets is a water wheel which lifts water from a spring beside a run back of their home, approximately 100 feet to their kitchen, and has saved them no end of climbing up and down during the 38 years it has been steadily in operation.

The Iddings home was the terminus of the first telephone line in this part of Maryland. Their uncle, the late James P. Stabler, shortly after Alexander Graham Bell demonstrated his invention at the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876, built a telephone from his home in Sherwood to the Iddings.

home, a mile and a half away. It wasn't long before Mr. Fred Iddings was working for the telephone company. When he retired in 1930 he had been nearly 46 years' service.

During his early years he designed a circuit switch for a telephone three-way switch and a patent pending device which he had manufactured and sold enough to pay for its cost. But the patent was finally denied on a technicality and he considered himself lucky to break even. He gave up invention for all but energy-saving purposes and amusement.

However, he was one of the pioneers in the field of eliminating induction from telephone lines strung near high-power transmission lines.

He was also partially responsible for elimination of electrolysis by which the pipes of water pumps and other underground steel and iron structures become pitted by electricity escaping from the electric street car rails or high-power transmission line towers back to the generating plant.

Since his retirement from the telephone company he has been working with the Electrolysis Survey Committee of Baltimore. The committee's business is to protect underground electric lines from electrolysis due to current leaking from high-power lines.

And so at 80, Mr. Fred Iddings is prouder of his water wheel than the telephone transmitter he made from a newspaper description 60 years ago.

**FEW BUSINESSES FACE PENALTIES**

**Flood of Mail Brings About 5,000 Tardy D. C. Tax Returns.**

Only a comparatively small number of business and professional operators will face penalties for failure to file their business privilege tax returns before the deadline last midnight, it was indicated today at the District Building.

Allan P. Brooke, administrator of the business levy, estimated that between 3,000 and 5,000 returns were received by mail this morning, bringing the total filed to between 15,000 and 17,000. Mr. Brooke had estimated that about 17,000 returns would be due for the new fiscal year.

It was a different story, however, in the personal property and dog tax offices. Although both were busy digging out from under heavy mail, indications were that some 10,000 property owners will have to pay penalties, and that thousands of dog owners will be forced to keep their pets out of reach of the poundmaster until they get their licenses.

Charles A. Russell, deputy tax assessor, said the postman brought some 10,000 personal tax returns, bringing the total on hand to approximately 40,000. Last year nearly 6,000 paid penalties for delinquency. The penalty in this case is an addition of 20 per cent on the assessed value of the taxable property.

Tax Collector Chatham M. Towers received hundreds of letters requesting dog licenses, as scores of other dog owners called at the tax office at the District Building today. Mr. Towers pointed out, however, that thousands of unlicensed dogs will face a ride to the pound unless their owners obtain licenses.

Dog owners who have not yet paid the \$2 tax have one thing in their favor. Pound Master Frank Marks has only one pound wagon.

**BAND CONCERTS**

By the Navy Band at the Capitol at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Lt. Charles Benter, leader; Charles Brendler, assistant.

By the Army Band in the auditorium at the Army War College at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. Capt. Thomas P. Darcy, Jr., leader; Karl Hubner, assistant.

By the Marine Band in the Marine Barracks at 8 o'clock tonight. Capt. Taylor Brannon, leader; William F. Santelmann, assistant.

Mr. Rodgers was last seen fishing on the bank of the river Saturday afternoon. He leaves a wife and three children.

**16 PERSONS HURT IN ROAD MISHAPS WITHIN 24 HOURS**

Annapolis Man Suffers Severe Head Injuries in Crash.

MARYLAND RESIDENT HAS MANGLED FOOT

Passengers Go to Hospital When Taxicab Collides With Another Vehicle.

Sixteen persons were injured in traffic accidents in the Washington area during the last 24 hours.

Edmund A. Weber, 19, Annapolis, Md., was taken to Casualty Hospital with severe head injuries, perhaps a fractured skull, from the scene of a crash on the Defense highway.

Four youths were hurt in another mishap near the same place. The victims, all treated at Casualty for cuts and bruises, were John Leary, 15, 3327 Brothers place S. E.; Benjamin Sanfelippo, 17, 3311 Fifth street S. E.; Joseph Hayes, 16, 2911 Seventh street S. E.; and George Sugrue, 16, 3329 Fifth street S. E.

**Suffers Mangled Foot.**

Grover Wingate, 27, Edwards Ferry, Md., suffered a mangled foot when he lost control of a motor cycle he was trying to learn to operate and caught his heel in the drive chain. At Georgetown Hospital, it was said it may be necessary to amputate his foot. The accident occurred near his home.

Nazie Lacey, 33, of 3310 M street N. W., received a broken arm in a collision on the Baltimore boulevard near Hyattsville. She was taken to Sibley Hospital.

Francis G. Beall, 36, of the 300 block of Fifth street N. E. and Marvin Gardner, 26, of 621 Morris place N. E., were injured when a taxicab in which they were passengers collided with another machine at Sixth and E streets N. E. Both were treated at Casualty.

**Two Hurt in Crash.**

Ernest Lee, 30, and Robert Lee, 19, both of 1406 U street N. W., were hurt when their machine ran off the high curb near Leesburg, Va. At Emergency Hospital, Ernest was said to be suffering from head injuries and Robert from a broken nose and cuts.

Buck King, 20, Clarksburg, Md., was cut on the hips when a motor cycle, on the back seat of which he was riding, struck an automobile at Fourteenth street and Constitution avenue N. W. He was treated at Emergency Hospital.

Margaret Nisey-wander, 47, of 607 Jefferson street N. W., suffered a shoulder injury, possibly a fractured collar bone, in a collision at Third and Jefferson streets N. W. She was taken to Walter Reed Hospital.

Nancy Washington, 5, colored, 1515 North Carolina avenue N. E., was treated at Gallinger Hospital for leg injuries after being knocked down by a machine in the 100 block of Fifteenth street N. E.

Lois Miller, 17, of 4110 Gault place N. E., was cut on the face and George Black, 33, of 3337 Fifth street S. E., was cut on the side and leg in the other accidents.

**700 ATTEND RITE OF GROUND BREAKING**

**Work Started Today on Holy Comforter Catholic Church's \$220,000 Building.**

Ground was broken yesterday for the new \$220,000 Holy Comforter Catholic Church at Fourteenth and East Capitol streets. More than 700 persons attended the ceremony.

Construction, which begins today, is the fulfillment of a long effort to construct a new church. The Rev. Charles R. O'Hara, pastor of Holy Comforter, presided at the ceremony and was introduced by the Right Rev. Msgr. E. C. Connelly, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Father O'Hara said parents and grandparents of present parishioners had contributed toward construction of the new church. He recalled the campaign work of his predecessor, the Revs. Clarence Wheeler and James E. Connell.

The new building is expected to be ready for services in about 10 months.

**HORSEWOMAN, DRAGGED 50 FEET, IS RECOVERING**

**Miss Hazel Green Injured When Thrown by Animal in Rock Creek Park.**

Thrown from a horse and dragged more than 50 feet in Rock Creek Park yesterday, Miss Hazel Green is recovering at a hospital.

Miss Green was riding with a companion, John R. Thoman, 3110 N street N. W., near the Massachusetts avenue underpass when her horse bolted. Although an expert rider, she was thrown and one foot caught in the stirrup.

Before her companion could catch the horse and free her foot, Miss Green was cut and bruised. Mr. Thoman was slightly injured.

The two riders were taken to Emergency Hospital for treatment and then sent home.

**MAN HURT IN FALL**

Joseph M. Behan, 30, of 800 Fifth street N. E., was recovering at Gallinger Hospital today from a broken collarbone received when a scaffolding on which he was helping his brother-in-law, John P. White, build a home in Braddock Heights, Md., collapsed, throwing him 15 feet to the ground. His condition was not thought to be serious.

**SURFACING BEGUN ON PARKWAY LINK WITH KEY BRIDGE**

George Washington Unit Being Extended From Lee Boulevard.

2 CONCRETE ROADWAYS WILL BE 24 FEET EACH

Job to Cost \$89,688—Additional Span on Georgetown Bridge to Be Started This Year.

Work was started today on surfacing the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway between the Lee boulevard connection and the Key Bridge on the Virginia side of the river. Under the plans of the \$89,688 contract awarded on the low bid of the Corson & Gruman Co. of Washington, the paving must be completed before March 1 next.

Arno B. Cammerer of the National Park Service said the surfacing contract involved the building of two concrete roadways, each 24 feet wide. This work will be supervised by the United States Bureau of Public Roads.

A P. W. A. allotment of \$212,000 was approved last week to build an additional span for the Key Bridge to connect with the Memorial Parkway as it is extended up the Potomac. The Interior Department was advised that the Bureau of Public Roads has completed its study in connection with the construction of this additional arch and that work on this project would begin within the present year.

**Heavy Duty Road Studied.**

Meanwhile, studies are being conducted by that agency and the branch of Plans and Designs, National Park Service, for a proposed heavy duty road to provide for truck traffic between the Key Bridge at Rosslyn and U. S. No. 1 highway at the south end of the Arlington Bridge.

Paving of the Memorial Parkway extended to the south end of the new span for the bridge and the proposed heavy duty road will greatly facilitate the shutting of traffic between downtown Washington and the congested Virginia suburban area.

P. W. A. officials said they are pushing plans to close the deal for the purchase of the old Chesapeake & Ohio Canal from the Government. Cumberland, above the Key Bridge on the Maryland side the proposed recreational area along the 160-foot scenic way will help to balance the scenic driveway extending up the opposite bank of the river.

**Lewis Held in Error.**

Officials explained that Representative David Lewis was mistaken in reporting payment of \$1,000,000 to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in connection with the purchase of the canal. No funds had been turned over to any of the property owners as yet, it was said, although the transaction will be consummated shortly.

The paving of that portion of the Memorial Parkway extension which connects the Lee boulevard and the Arlington Memorial Bridge will be completed in time to permit public use about October 1. This section of the extension will be pushed to relieve the congested traffic in the vicinity of the Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Home.

**'ONE-WAY' VIOLATORS RELEASED ON BONDS**

Only 2 of 30 Arrested in Drive on Twenty-Second Street Appear in Court.

Two-hour patrol Saturday morning driving the wrong way on a one-way street were released on their personal bonds in Police Court today by Judge Walter J. Casey. The other 28 failed to appear in court, thereby forfeiting the \$3 collateral they had posted.

The 30 drivers were arrested on Twenty-second street N. W. between K and Massachusetts avenue, by Police-man A. K. Bowen of the Traffic Bureau. Samuel Yates, 5100 Second street N. W., and James Councilman, 2147 O street N. W., were the only two to appear in court.

Although the stretch of street is marked for one-way traffic south between 7 and 9 a. m. and for one-way traffic north between 4 p. m. and 6 p. m., motorists generally disregard the afternoon restriction on Saturday since the peak of traffic is over before 4 p. m.

**Boy, 5, Bitten By Pet Raccoon; Action Weighed**

These pets!

Not long ago complaint was made to the police that a pet alligator had bitten somebody.

And today a police report described the case of 5-year-old Percy L. Ruffner, Jr., 116 North Carolina avenue S. E., who assertedly was nipped on the leg yesterday by a pet raccoon whose owner was taking it for a walk.

The police were told that the animal, a second raccoon known as Pookie, was out strolling its two baby raccoons, accompanied by its proud owner.

Percy was treated at Providence Hospital. His family complained to the police, but the Ruffners were informed that nothing could be done unless they wanted to sue out a warrant for the owner of the raccoon. This course of action was being considered today.

It was recalled that recently an alligator was cruising through an alley and bit a colored woman. The woman swore out a warrant for the alligator's owner and he had to pay a fine.

But the police could find no law requiring the muzzling of raccoons or alligators. Dogs are different, they said.